

HSB 4M1 – Challenge and Change in Society

2.4 Sociological Theories About Social Change

Seeking Equilibrium

The structural functionalists of the early twentieth century believed that where _____
_____ did occur it was the result of a process of _____ and
_____.

They argued that when one part of the _____, tension arises
between that part and the rest.

This tension _____ continue indefinitely.

Members of Society will invariably seek to _____ or _____ the
tension by _____ other aspects of society.

In the 1930's depression hit, and the modern _____ was born.

In a _____ the government runs programs to _____
the health and welfare of its citizenry.

Society had returned to _____. Social Change had taken place
through the _____ - _____ model.



Since the 2001 terror attacks security has increased
dramatically at airports all over North America.
What tension emerged after the attack?

What adaptation attempted to decrease this tension? _____

Theoretical Models

Some Sociological theoretical models see change as a process of _____, through which the growth of _____ knowledge from _____ to _____ allows society to _____ new ways of doing things.



Explain how the television is an example of Accumulation.

Another model favoured by sociologists is the _____ of _____ Model.

According to this theory a new _____-an innovation- emerges in society.

It might be a _____ invention or a piece of _____ knowledge; it could be a new belief, a new _____ or one of a thousand other developments.

According to sociologists, two things can affect the spread (diffusion) of the innovation throughout society; _____ and _____

In Countries like Canada, innovations are likely to become _____ if they are adopted by _____ urban, educated people with high status occupations.

Explain the following factors of social change

Geography: _____

External Events: _____

Human Factors: _____

Cultural Pluralism: _____

Technology: _____

Aboriginal Communities: _____

Leading Early Sociologists

Immanuel Wallerstein

Skilled and educated people who have access to development funds, and who are in a position of influence are called _____

Wallerstein challenges the idea that many regions in the world remained poor because of a lack of _____.

Economic system dependent on private investment and profit making is called _____.

What was Wallersteins idea about how Western nations became “rich”?

Regions that are far from the capitalist core are called _____

Semi-Periphery- _____

What were the problems with Wallersteins theory? _____

Dorothy Smith

When do people communicate best? _____

She has studied the importance of _____, the topics and the ways of exchanging _____ about them that are used by groups of people with



EX Fans of this sport would discuss _____

Smith argues that the effects of certain _____ have limited women's _____ in society.

People communicate ideas and values through symbols such as _____, _____,
movie roles, _____, and photographs. This is known as _____.